

*PALPITA UNIONALIS* (HUBN.) IN KENT. — With the mild weather continuing, I motored down to Dungeness on the evening of the 14th October and operated the m.v. trap near the old lighthouse, and amongst a host of common moths found a single specimen of the Scarce Olive-tree Pearl. Also of interest, I think, was that I saw at this late date a larva of *Calophasia lunula* (Hufn.), Toadflax Brocade. — P. M. STIRLING, 83 Grasmere Road, Purley, Surrey.

*RHODOMETRA SACRARIA* (LINN.) AND *HELICOVERPA ARMI-GERA* (HUBN.) IN SURREY. — After the night of 11th/12th October, I found a fresh male specimen of the Vestal on the grass just outside my garden m.v. trap here at Purley. The moth has a typical ground colour on the wings although the stripe is quite brown, and I would therefore assume the insect to be referable to ab. *labda* Cramer. This was followed on the night of 13th/14th, by a Scarce Bordered Straw which was found in a similar position outside the trap. The arrival of these insects coincided with a meteorological report of unusually warm weather accompanied by an air stream from North Africa. — P. M. STIRLING, 83 Grasmere Road, Purley, Surrey.

*MYTHIMNA LOREYI* (DUP.), *TRIGONOPHORA FLAMMEA* (ESPER.) AND OTHER LEPIDOPTERA AT LIGHT AT SWANAGE. — On the night of 14th/15th October, 1978 at Swanage, we had the following species at m.v. light: *Trigonophora flammea* Esper (Flame Brocade), two females; *Mythimna loreyi* (The Cosmopolitan), one female; *Cyclophora pupillaria* (Hbn.) (Blair's Mocha), one female, one male; *M. unipuncta* (Haw.) (The White-speck), two; *M. vitellina* (Hbn.) (The Delicate), nine; *Orthonama obstipata* (F.) (The Gem), seven. — B. SKINNER, 5 Rawlins Close, Addington, Surrey; M. GREY, Dairy Cotts., Ranmore Common, Dorking, Surrey.

A SECOND RECORD OF *APAMEA EXULIS ASSIMILIS* (DOUBLEDAY) FROM EDINBURGH. — *Apamea exulis assimilis* (Doubleday, 1847), a northern isles and highland species (Crewdson, 1962, *Entomologist*, 95: 33-44), has again turned up in Edinburgh. A single female kindly identified by E. C. Pelham-Clinton, was taken at light at Blackford, Edinburgh (O.S.36/2571) during the night 19/20.viii.1978. Some 24 years ago a specimen (not 10 as quoted by Crewdson!) was taken at light at Newington, Edinburgh (O.S.36/2771) by E. C. Pelham-Clinton (Pelham-Clinton (1955), *Entomologist*, 88: 40). Is there really a colony of this species close to Edinburgh? — K. P. BLAND, 35 Charterhall Road, Edinburgh, EH9 3HS.

LEPIDOPTERA IN OCTOBER 1978. — The main wave of the huge recent migration reached Selsdon on the night of the 14th October. I recorded 184 moths of which 61 were *Phlogophora meticulosa* L., 20 *Autographa gamma* L., four *Agrotis ipsilon* Hufn., one *Peridroma saucia* Hbn. and one *Mythimna unipuncta* Haw. I am inclined to think that the three *Dichonia aprilina* L. were also migrants as I never get it locally and I have had it in numbers on the beach in Dorset with other